NOTE X.

ON MACRUROPSAR MAGNUS BREVICAUDA nov. subspec.

FROM THE ISLAND OF MEFOOR

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In 1870 our traveller von Rosenberg sent to the Leyden Museum under the name of *Lamprotornis magnus* nov. spec. a fine series of skins of a new bird, collected by him in the year 1869 on the island of Mefoor (Noemfoor) and on the island of Soepiori (named by him Soëk) of the Schouten-islands. The series consisted of seven specimens collected in January and February on Mefoor and eleven specimens collected in March on Soepiori.

In 1871 Schlegel [1]) described the bird under the name given by von Rosenberg and stated that this new species was killed on Soëk only. The habitat of the typical *M. magnus* is consequently Soepiori, notwithstanding von Rosenberg collected his first specimen, in which he was right to see a new species, on Mefoor.

We still possess only three specimens from Mefoor, the others seem to have been exchanged. These three specimens have a much shorter tail and also shorter wings than those from Soepiori. The same is the case with the two specimens from Mefoor, mentioned by Salvadori [2]), and as the seven

1) Observations zoologiques, IV (1871), Ned. Tijdschr. Dierk. IV, 1873, p. 18.
2) Orn. Pap. II, 1881, p. 459.

specimens from that island in the Tring-Museum [1]), which most kindly have been placed at my disposal by the director, show as to the tail the same peculiarity, it seems, that the bird from Mefoor, is constantly differing by its shorter tail from that from the Schouten-islands, and I therefore separate that form under the name of

Macruropsar magnus brevicauda.

The tables below show the smaller dimension of wing and tail of this new subspecies, which in coloration does not differ from the typical *magnus*.

Macruropsar magnus (Schleg.).

Leyden Museum:

	wing	tail
Cat. n°. 1, ♂, Soepiori, 14 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	121	243 mm
Cat. n°. 2, ♀, Soepiori, 14 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	117	224 »
Cat. n°. 3, ♂, Soepiori, 18 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	122	243 »
Cat. n°. 4, ♀, Soepiori, 19 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	124	210 »
Cat. n°. 5, ♂, Soepiori, 20 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	115	190 »
Cat. n°. 6, ♀, Soepiori, 20 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	117	222 »
Cat. n°. 7, ♂, Soepiori, 23 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	121	188 »
Cat. n°. 8, ♀, Soepiori, 23 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	124	228 »
Cat. n°. 9, ♀, Soepiori, 28 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	121	213 »
Cat. n°. 10, ♀, Soepiori, 28 March 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	120	218 »

1) Nov. Zool. X, 1903, p. 116.

Tring Museum:	wing	tail	
♀, Sowek (Soepiori), May 1875, Beccari coll.	121	222	mm.
♂, Korido » 9 May 1875, Beccari coll.	126	245	»
♂, » » » » » » »	128	232	»
♀, » » 13 » » » »	120	212	»
♂, » » 14—15 » » » »	127	257	»
♀, » » 15 » » » »	118	228	»
♂, Kordo » 1879 from A. A. Bruyn. .	120	250	»
♂, » » » » » » » . .	123	195	»
♂, » » » » » » » . .	120	205	»
♀, » » » » » » » . .	121	220	»
♀, » » » » » » » . .	117	205	»
♂, Korido » October 1896, Doherty coll.	122	215	»
♂, Biak (Wiak), » » » »	123	226	»

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Leyden Museum:	wing	tail	
Cat. n°. 1, ♀, Mefoor, 21 January 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	116	134	mm.
Cat. n°. 2, ♂, Mefoor, 30 January 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	120	142	»
Cat. n°. 3, ♂, Mefoor, 12 February 1869, von Rosenberg coll.	109	118	»

Tring Museum:			
♂, Mefoor, June 1894, Doherty coll. . .	114	131	mm.
♂, » October 1894, » » . .	112	120	»
♀, » May 1897, » » . .	114	151	»
♂, » » » » » . .	122	180	»
♀, » » » » » . .	110	137	»
♂, » June » » » . .	122	175	»
♂, » » » » » . .	120	180	»

The two specimens examined by Salvadori:

♀, Mefoor, 26—30 May 1875, Beccari coll.	—	145	»
♀, » » » » » » .	—	120	»

There are in our collection also two specimens, which, in their measurements, agree with *M. m. brevicauda* and which are labelled, the one »Arfak, New Guinea", the other one only »New Guinea"; both are purchased from G. A. Frank in 1879. If these localities are correct, then the bird of the mainland of New Guinea belongs to the shorttailed form.

These two specimens are unsexed and measure:

	wing	tail
M. m. brevicauda, cat. n°. 4, Arfak, New Guinea	118	135 mm.
M. m. brevicauda, cat. n°. 5, New Guinea,	116	177 »

In birds from Mefoor as well as in those from Soepiori the colour of the bill and feet is black, and of the iris brown, according to von Rosenberg. The native name on Mefoor is »Mansinemie" and on Soepiori »Mampoedaar".

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